Revamping of CSIR

241. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is proposed to be restructured to make its laboratories more result-oriented;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when these changes are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The organisational structure of CSIR is proposed to be modified to ensure the involvement of user departments and potential client in the identification of R&D programmes, project management and funding. These modification would be reflected in the change membership of the Society, Governing Body and through the creation of new bodies *i.e.* the Advisory Board, the Technical Advisory Boards and the Research Councils.

Action to effect these changes is in hand as a result of which some of the changes have already taken place.

Prime Minister meeting with chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories

242. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently held a meeting with the Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories on the question of revamping administration and making it a more effective instrument for meeting people's aspirations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time when steps for revamping will be initiated?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) In accordance with well-established practice, a meeting was held with Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories on 25th May, 1988. There was no set agenda and the discussion was wide ranging.

(b) Basic issues were discussed including the need for more effective coordination between the Centre and the States for better implementation of developmental programmes. Action in this regard is an ongoing process.

Interlinking of river systems

243. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission has come to the conclusion that unless the river systems of the country are interlinked, proper utilisation of the water resources is not possible;

(b) whether the National Water Development Agency has taken up surveys, investigations and studies in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Techno economic aspects of linking different river systems have been examined from time to time by Central Water Commission. This examination has indicated that more water could be brought within the category of utilizable resources by construction of storages at appropriate locations and interlinking of the various river systems.

(b) and (c) The National Water Development Agency has taken up surveys, investigations and studies for establishing the feasibility of peninsular rivers development component of the National perspectives. The programmes for the Seventh